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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF

PROPRIETORS

Held on WEDNESDAY, the 27th of FEBRUARY, 1833.

UPON the Motion of Mr. WARBURTON, M.P.

The Right Hon. JAMES ABERCROMBIE, M.P. took the Chair.

The Chairman read the following names of the Members of Council, and of the Auditor retiring from Office, and of the Proprietors nominated in their stead:

COUNCIL.

Members going out of Office.	*Proprietors put in Nomination.*
W. B. BARING, Esq. M.P.	The Right Hon. J. ABERCROMBIE, M.P.
Viscount EBRINGTON, M.P.	FRANCIS BOOTT, M.D.
Lord KING.	The BISHOP OF CHICHESTER.
WILLIAM MARSHALL, Esq. M.P.	WILLIAM EWART, Esq. M.P.
Lord SANDON, M.P.	Viscount EBRINGTON, M.P. (for re-election).
WILLIAM STURCH, Esq.	WILLIAM FREND, Esq.
	WILLIAM GOWAN, Esq.
	EDWARD HURT, Esq.
	JAMES LOCH, Esq. M.P.
	WILLIAM ORD, Esq.

AUDITORS.

J. L. PREVOST, Esq. (retiring).	Rev. RICHARD H. SHEPHERD.
	JOSEPH TRAVERS, Esq.

Upon the Motion of Mr. WARBURTON, it was Resolved,—

That Mr. COPE and Mr. RICHARD TAYLOR be requested to act as Scrutineers, and that the Ballot do proceed.

The Report of the Council on the present state of the Affairs of the University, which had been already circulated amongst the Proprietors, was read.

The Secretary presented the statement of Receipts and Expenditure, the Balance Sheet, and the statement of Debts and Assets, all signed by the Auditors.

A Letter was read from Mr. WILKINS, dated the 18th inst.

It was moved by Mr. WARBURTON, and seconded by Mr. TOOKE, and carried unanimously,—

That the Rules for the Management of the University, as contained in the Minutes of the last General Meeting of Proprietors, and in the Plan of the Senate, altered according to notice, be adopted and confirmed as By-Laws.

It was moved by Mr. BOOTH, and seconded by Mr. GOWAN,—

That the Report be received; whereupon Mr. FREND moved as an Amendment, and Mr. COPE seconded,

That so much of the Report as is contained in pages 12 and 13 of the printed copy thereof, beginning at the words "the object," and terminating at the word "footing," be expunged.

After debate thereon, it was moved by Mr. KING, and seconded by Colonel JONES,—

That this Meeting do adjourn until Saturday next, at One o'Clock precisely, which being put was carried.

The Scrutineers declared to the Chairman, under their signature, the following Proprietors to have been elected Members of Council.

The Right Hon. J. ABERCROMBIE, M.P.	Viscount EBRINGTON, M.P.
FRANCIS BOOTT, M.D.	EDWARD HURT, Esq.
WILLIAM EWART, Esq. M.P.	JAMES LOCH, Esq. M.P.

And that JOSEPH TRAVERS, Esq. had been elected Auditor.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, *Chairman.*

ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING,

March 2nd, 1833.

On the Motion of Mr. TOOKE,—

His Grace the DUKE of SOMERSET took the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

A Letter was read, signed by certain of the Professors, dated this day.—(See Appendix.)

The Meeting resumed the debate on the Motion,—

"That the Report be received;" and upon the Amendment moved thereon,—

"That so much of the Report as is contained in pages 12 and 13 of the printed copy thereof, beginning at the words 'the object,' and terminating at the word 'footing,' be expunged."

Which Amendment having been put was negatived.

The original Motion was then put and carried.

Mr. ROMILLY moved, and Mr. FEARON seconded,—

That upon a full examination of the Finances and general state of the University, the Proprietors are of opinion, that since the last Annual Meeting the prospects of the Institution have most materially improved; and they, therefore, are resolved to take such steps as may be necessary to maintain and uphold it, in full confidence that it will ultimately accomplish all the great and important objects for which it was originally founded.

Whereupon Mr. DILKE moved, and Mr. LAWRENCE MARSHALL seconded, as an Amendment,—

That this question be put to the Professors: "Will the Pro-
"fessors undertake, on their personal responsibility, to
"carry on the University in agreement with its known
"fundamental principles, without calling on the Pro-
"prietors for any Annual Contribution; for One, or Two,

"or Three Years, as may be agreed on, the Professors "paying all Rates, Taxes, Insurance, and all other the "current Expenses of the University."

Which Amendment was, by leave of the Meeting, withdrawn; and the original Motion having been put was carried.

It was moved by Mr. TOOKE, and seconded by Mr. WARBURTON,—carried unanimously

That in furtherance of this object the Proprietors be invited, during Two or Three Years, to contribute Annual Subscriptions not exceeding Two Pounds, and Donations, in aid of the Income of the University; after which time it may be expected to maintain itself by its own resources, derived from the Fees of Students; and that a Book be now opened for such Subscriptions and Donations.

It was moved by Colonel JONES, seconded by Mr. TOOKE, and carried unanimously,—

That this Meeting, in cordial concurrence with recorded Resolutions of former General Meetings, is of opinion that it is for the interest of the Medical School that a Hospital be established in the immediate vicinity of and in connexion with the University; and that this Meeting observes with much satisfaction, that in furtherance of this object, a considerable Sum has already been raised by Voluntary Subscriptions. That this Meeting hereby authorizes the Council to appropriate such portion of the Land of the University as may be requisite for such Hospital.

SOMERSET, *Chairman.*

Upon the Motion of Mr. WARBURTON,

The Thanks of the Meeting were voted to the Duke of Somerset.

THOMAS COATES,

SECRETARY.

APPENDIX.

WE, the undersigned PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, have thought it expedient, at the present crisis of the affairs of the University, to submit to the Council and to the General Meeting of Proprietors, our opinion of its condition and prospects.

In an estimate of the state of the University, some most important elements to be considered, are the efficiency of the body of Professors, the method and discipline of the Institution, the number of Students actually attending it, the feeling of those Students towards it, the place which it holds in the opinion of the public at large, and the consequent probability of attendance in future years. These are points in which the very existence of the University is involved; and these are entirely independent of the accidental circumstances of the debt, and of the amount of the expenses of management.

The Professors therefore request permission, in the first place, to express their opinion of the circumstances of the University, independently of its financial condition; and they will then consider these circumstances in connexion with the published Statement of the finances.

The Professors with very great pleasure declare their deliberate opinion, that the University, considered as a whole, has been in a much better condition during the present Session than in the two Sessions immediately preceding it. More especially they think that the present state and the present prospects of the University, are much more encouraging than its state and prospects at the beginning of last year.

The grounds upon which they have formed this opinion are briefly these:—

The Professors assure the Council and the Proprietors of their unabated zeal, and of their willingness to expend their time and

labour for the Institution to which they have attached themselves. The unanimity of the Professors is unbroken; and their cordial cooperation as one body is in the highest degree beneficial to the University. The establishment of the Senate, by which they are enabled to act together for the conduct of the University and the maintenance of its discipline, has produced a great improvement in the internal management. To this good effect they can bear testimony by their own experience; but they are likewise convinced by their intercourse with persons beyond the walls of the University, that this change in the constitution of the University has raised it very considerably in public opinion. A similar effect upon the public mind has been produced by the alteration in the constitution of the Council.

The number of Students in the present Session is greater than in the last; for though the Classes of Literature and Science are not so numerously attended, the Medical Classes have received a large accession. The Professors regret that the improvement has not been equal in the several branches of the Institution; but they wish to express their full conviction that the success of any one part is beneficial to the whole University; and that the whole University will participate in the advantages which will accrue from the reputation which it is rapidly acquiring as a Medical School. The Professors have a strong, and they believe a well-founded trust, that the success of the Medical School in this University will be permanent.

In the state of the Class of English Law there is nothing discouraging.

The Classes of Literature and Science have, on the whole, decreased, and some of the Classes have not opened. But the actual decrease since the last Session is small: and, on the other hand, it must be observed, that one very important Class, the Class of Natural Philosophy, has been formed during the present Session, and raised to a considerable height by the exertions of the Professor, and bids fair to increase in subsequent years.

On the whole, the Professors are so convinced that the University is growing in public esteem, that they confidently anticipate a gradual improvement in the General Classes. It cannot be doubted that the reputation of the University suffered very

severely from the dissensions which prevailed within its walls two or three years ago. The causes which injured its character have long ceased to exist; and it is now recovering the public confidence. The Professors believe that the improvement has shown itself first in the Medical School, although the Medical School was the chief seat of the evil, because the Medical Students are generally young men who choose their own place of education, and who are able to ascertain on the spot the actual condition of the University. The Students of the General School are usually younger, and the choice of the place of their education depends upon their parents and guardians, whom information of the state of the University is more slow in reaching, and whose prejudices it requires a longer time to remove. But the Professors are confident that these prejudices will be removed, and that they shall feel the result in the increase of their Classes. Their confidence is strengthened by their observation of the warm attachment which is felt by the Students for the University in which they are educated.

One of the most gratifying and encouraging proofs of the public estimation of the University, is the resolution of the Wymondly Academy, which has been mentioned in the Report of the Council. Not only is it probable, as the Report states, "that other seminaries, private or public, may be induced to follow the example;" but the example has been followed by a clergyman of the Church of England*, who has announced his intention of opening an Institution for the reception of young men, for whose religious education alone he himself will be responsible, while for other purposes they will attend the Lectures of the University of London.

The Professors think it unnecessary to dwell upon the flourishing condition of the Junior School, the large present addition which it supplies to the income of the University, and the strong probability that it will send up Students to the Classes; because upon all these subjects they can only repeat, with cordial satisfaction, the encouraging statements of the Council.

Upon these grounds the Professors have formed the favourable

* The Rev. Henry Stebbing, M.A., 16 Euston Square.

opinion which they have delivered of the present condition of the University, and of the probability of its future success.

The Professors are fully sensible of the difficulties which are caused by the existing debt of the University; but they trust that they are not greater than will be removed within a short time by the liberality of the Proprietors, and their zeal for the prosperity of their magnificent foundation; and they hope that the opinion of its prospects which they have thus expressed, will stimulate their zeal and embolden their liberality. All the favourable circumstances which the Professors have pointed out will of course, if their prognostications are verified, tend to prevent the accumulation of debt, by lessening the excess of the expenditure above the income.

But even in the present condition the annual deficit is not likely to be so great as might be supposed from a hasty perusal of the Report.

The income of the University for the present Session is estimated at £3181 (p. 4.). We have here at once a manifest proof of the improving state of the Institution; for this sum exceeds the receipts of the last Session (viz. £1669,) by £1512. The actual receipts of the present Session up to this present time, amount to £2804, and exceed the receipts of all the last Session by £1135.

The ordinary expenses of the present Session are estimated in one place (p. 4.) at £3568. This sum was the actual expenditure of the last Session; and there are some items in it which will certainly be reduced. In another place (p. 22.) the ordinary expenses of the present Session are estimated at £3403. The extraordinary expenditure of the present Session is estimated at £382 (p. 4.). Consequently, the estimated deficit of the present Session is so far from amounting to £1000, that upon the highest calculation it amounts only to £769, as indeed is stated in the Report itself (p. 4.); and upon the more favourable calculation it barely exceeds £600. But of this extraordinary expenditure some part at least will certainly not recur after the present year; and therefore the deficit for subsequent years ought not to be set higher than £600; and according to the more favourable calculation, it might be reduced to £450. This

latter sum is less than half of the alarming annual deficiency which the Report seems to anticipate: and it is worthy of remark, that it is less than one-third of the estimated increase of the present Session.

The Professors, for the reasons which they have already assigned, cannot but hope that this deficiency will be very considerably diminished by an increase in the numbers of the University. But even should no increase occur, the Professors are satisfied that, if it be absolutely necessary, such reductions can be effected in the expenses as will bring the expenditure within the present income.

ROBERT CARSWELL.
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ANTHONY TODD THOMSON.
EDWARD TURNER.
GEORGE JAMES PELLY WHITE.

LIST OF THE COUNCIL,

February 27, 1833.

[The Asterisks denote the Committee of Management.]

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WARBURTON, HENRY, ESQ. M.P.
WAYMOUTH, HENRY, ESQ.
WILSON, THOMAS, ESQ.

His Grace the Duke of SOMERSET has been elected President of the Senate.

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